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Re: Louis A. Soloff, M.D.

You will find enclosed a news release from Temple University on Dr. Louis Soloff's appointment as the first holder of the Blanche P. Levy Distinguished Service Professorship. Dr. Soloff, who has made significant contributions to medical science, particularly in the field of cardiology, has recently turned his interest to a mechanism which would allow more free cholesterol to leave the arterial wall. This mechanism involves action by an enzyme. The CTR-USA, Inc., is presently supporting Dr. Soloff's research.

In essence, Dr. Soloff is pursuing the concept that atherosclerosis may be due to an inborn inability of the body to cope with excessive cholesterol. If, in fact, this is true and if the enzyme could be isolated and studied, then a means might be found to substantially reduce the present high mortality from heart disease.

Dr. Soloff is presently funded to mid-1972 by a basic \$40,000 grant from CTR. I am told that it is likely that this grant will be renewed and that the current project will be supported at least at this level of spending through normal SAB procedures.

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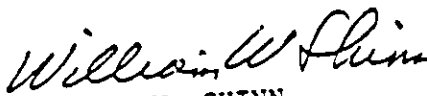
Unfortunately, this grant does not include an additional amount needed by one of Dr. Soloff's assistants, whose excellent credentials make him fair game for others interested in the same research area. Neither does it assure support past mid-1972.

We are, needless to say, impressed by Dr. Soloff. He has presented a statement to Congress, appeared on the Security Analysts' program held in New York and proved himself to be an excellent courtroom witness.

In addition to needing \$16,000 more than the present grant from CTR, Dr. Soloff also needs to know that his support will not be terminated so that he may assure his assistant some employment tenure. CTR, as you know, funds only on a year to year basis.

Our proposal is this: (1) Provide Dr. Soloff with \$11,000 for fiscal year 1971-1972 to supplement his grant from CTR (he has obtained \$5,000 from another source); (2) guarantee Dr. Soloff a total amount of \$51,000 for fiscal year 1972-1973 and \$51,000 for fiscal year 1973-1974 with the understanding that the Council for Tobacco Research would, hopefully, fund Dr. Soloff in these amounts so that an expenditure of special fund monies would not be necessary. If, of course, the Council for Tobacco Research funded a portion of the amount for either of these fiscal years, then we would expect to make up the balance from special project funds.

I have discussed Dr. Soloff's work in some detail with Dr. Hockett and he would be in full agreement with such an arrangement.

  
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Enclosure